

FROM THE BRIDGE

Weister: Overlooked Or Over-Rated?

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

Was Bob Weister overlooked, or overrated, on the recently announced Pioneer League "all-star" basketball team? The sensational scoring junior forward was only a second team choice, and to make matters more insulting—or possibly indicative—there were six first team selections.

When the all-league team was first made public, the general reaction was that of disbelief, that "The best player in the league", as he was called by many persons this reporter talked to, could be overlooked so.

"It's just a farce", one prep basketball follower protested, while another opined "Something's screwy here".

Many felt that Weister was probably just another victim of the old "political" and "under-the-table" shenanigans which so often make "all-star" teams of this nature more of a joke than that which they are intended to represent.

Recall the '59 all-league football team, when South's brilliant Joe Austin was "overlooked", and made a second team player to a couple of athletes he could run circles around.

The "sideline" dickerings are mentioned because 17 basketball players received first team votes. That means—if the voting is to be interpreted correctly—half of the 35 first string players in the league are thought to be of first string all-league caliber.

And Weister, easily one of the most outstanding players and the most exciting individual player to watch in the league, managed perhaps only two votes.

He couldn't receive his own coach's nomination—because each mentor named what was intended to be an "all-opponent" team.

It's ironic, but Weister is still a stronger candidate for All-CIF honors than he originally was for all-Pioneer League team. And if he does gain that distinction, he won't be the first player in recent years to land an All-Southern California berth after being named to a second team all-league team.

Basketball First

All-Pioneer League Joe Austin's 32 points scored against Chadwick stands as the highest single game output for the city's three teams for the season.

Bill Reinert, Torrance's all-Pioneer League senior guard, was involved in one of the rarest plays of the season in a game against Beverly Hills when he scored four points on the same play.

Bill Reinert, Torrance's all-Pioneer League senior and then hit two free throws in a one-and-one situation.

Track, golf and baseball seasons have barely begun but already three intra-city contests have been staged.

Torrance and South hoked up a dual track and field meet Friday, and North and Torrance collided yesterday morning in the semi-final round of the Aviation-El Camino baseball tournament. North defeated Torrance in a dual golf match too.

North High's Pat Lininger can't make up his mind which sport—track or baseball—to choose between, so he's giving both a whirl. He's currently playing for Bob Shoup's baseball team, and in between innings he runs the dashes for Bill Ellings' cinder squad. — He also played football. He's a rare one in another category too, being a 17 year-old Sophomore.

Why Not Night Wrestling

I wonder why the local schools don't schedule more night wrestling matches for next season. The recent season proved the most successful in local history, and a bigger and better following should go hand in hand for the 1960-61 season.

Save 'em For Football

After Torrance scored 14 runs in one inning Friday (four hits, eight walks, two hit batsmen, and one error) North High Coach Bob Shoup said "Cripes, I could've used some of those in our last football season".

Shoup and Torrance's Irwin Kasten boss both baseball and football teams.

Easy To Talk

Wally Moon, after reading Chuck Dessen's blasting of the Dodgers: "It's easy to talk in the spring".

Although Long Beach City College had five players average in double figures for the season, the Vikings finished third in the Metro Conference basketball race.

Astronomical Odds

No one has bothered to figure out the mathematical chances of one horse winning all three events—the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes, but the odds must be astronomical, considering that only eight horses have done so in the 76 times the races have been run concurrently.

The eight "wonders" who completed the triple were Sir Barton (1919), Gallant Fox (1930), Omaha (1933), War Admiral (1937), Whirlaway (1941), Count Fleet (1943), Assault (1946), and Citation (1948).

Red Patterson, well known tub-thumper for the Dodgers, passes along the following account of a Frank Howard meal by Norm Larker who had him out to dinner during Winter ball in the Dominican Republic: "I cut off three pounds of beef, scooped up three pounds of potatoes and fed him three-quarters of the salad my wife had fixed for the whole party. Of course there were also peas and carrots, plus a jug of water, two large glasses of milk, and six pieces of cake. Then he went hitless that night".

Vroman Triples as South Spikers Rout Rival Torrance in First Dual Meet



FIRST RACE . . . First Race of the first dual track and field meet between Torrance and South high schools is recorded by camera as varsity 120 high hurdle men break from starting blocks. Event was won by South's John

Robinson (2nd from right) as South copped decisive victory on home track Friday, copping nine of 12 firsts. Both South and Torrance, along with North, prepare for annual Mira Costa Relays to be held this week. (Herald Photo)

In Golf Saxons Retain Perfect Record Over Torrance

Sophomore Rich D'Aloia carded a four over par 39 Friday as North High's golfers defeated Torrance, 213-229 in a non-league match at the Alondra Park course.

D'Aloia was low man for the afternoon, and defeated his opponent, ex-footballer Stan Gotta by 11 strokes.

The Bill Wood coached team retained North's record of never having lost to a Torrance team in five matches.

North's first man, freshman Don Stewart, defeated Torrance's Pat Stuart, 41-44.

D'Aloia (N) def. Gonta (T), 39-50.

Hansen (N) def. by Clutter (T), 45-44.

Turcott (N) tied Magow (T), 45-45.

Seoville (N) def. Warden (T), 43-48.

Could Follow Duke's Example

Frank Howard, a free-swinging slugger with only a passing record for the strike zone, could take some advice from Duke Snider who had the same difficulty himself when he was a rookie. The Dodgers made him stand at the plate for hours each week, just calling pitches rather than swinging at them. Finally, the Duke got to be a pretty good umpire himself, and his star was on the rise.

Madrona Voters Pick Young King as Leader

Jimmy King was elected student body president at Madrona Elementary School in voting Thursday at the school.

Other new officers chosen in the student balloting were Cheryl Browne, vice president; Julia Takayama, secretary; Jon Hadley, boys athletic director; and Jackie Bliss, girls athletic director.

Roller Derby On TV Tonight

A new series of Roller Derby team competition is set to start on Channel Eleven today at 7 p.m. when KTTV's Roller Derby live telecast from Olympic Auditorium presents the challenging Brooklyn Red Devils team skating against the Los Angeles Braves.

BAKERSFIELD NABS PLAYOFF WIN OVER SAN DIEGO, 78-67

Bakersfield, the "Cinderella" basketball club in the Metropolitan Conference basketball race, came through with a 78-67 playoff win over San Diego Friday to win the right to enter the State JC tournament in San Jose, March 10, 11, 12.

The Renegades, their backs to the wall, scored their second straight triumph over San Diego, this one coming on a neutral court—in the Harbor College gym.

The Renegades came through last week to defeat both Long Beach and San Diego, throwing the final standings into a two team tie. The playoff was necessary to determine the tournament representative.

Coach Jim Nau's club also tied for the title last year, but dropped a playoff decision to Long Beach, which then went on to win the State title.

A tie will be entered into the official books for the conference championship, however, both schools recording 12-2 records.

San Diego was hampered greatly by the loss of high scoring forward Art Williams, who was declared ineligible recently after posting a 25.6 average for the season.

Bakersfield's first foe will be the Western Conference champion.

Norm Larker Has Many Nicknames

Norm Larker is a man of many nick-names. He is known as Dumbo among his teammates because of his Mickey Mouse ears and opposing players call him "Mad Dog" because of his aggressive style at the plate when he accompanies his slashing swing with grunts and groans. In the American Association they used to suggest "torrowing" "raw mer" up to the plate whenever Norm took his batting stance.

Dodgers Rooting For Ed Roebuck

The man the Dodgers are rooting for is their ex-teams mate, Ed Roebuck. A comeback by the Dodger reliever would be the most popular event of the season. Ed, a sidearm sinker-ball pitcher, has come up with a highly effective overhand delivery to vary his repertoire. And he fires either fast balls or curves coming "on top" which makes him doubly effective.

Walterian at Labor Class At Arrowhead

William G. Gibson, 4438 Newton St., president of Local 9506 Communications Workers, was one of a group of nearly 100 representatives attending the annual Liberal Arts for Labor conference at Lake Arrowhead recently.

The conference, third of its kind, was sponsored by the University Extension department of Liberal Arts at UCLA and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and held Feb. 19-21 at the University's residence Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead.

The Lake Arrowhead center is an "auxiliary campus" of the University of California. Designed for adult study activities and administered by University Extension.

PREP TRACK SCHEDULES

The annual Mira Costa Relays, to be run next week, will be the first big meet of the season for the city's three high school track and field teams, which have already participated in several meets each.

The 1930 track schedules, released by coaches Dick Scully (South) Bill Ellings (North) and Joe Sarthou (Torrance) also include such annual biggies as the Inglewood Relays, the Huntington Beach Relays, and several top-flight dual attractions.

Friday, South entertained Torrance in the first of a series of cross-town duals, North High hosts South on March 15, and South and Torrance hook-up again on March 18 in a triangular, which also involves Culver City.

In addition, an all-relays Torrance-South dual is scheduled for March 22nd.

North High	Torrance	South High
Date Opponent	Date Opponent	Date Opponent
March 10-11— Mira Costa Relays	March 10-11— Mira Costa Relays	March 10-11— Mira Costa Relays
March 15—South	March 15—Culver City, South (at South)	March 15—North
March 18—Hawthorne	March 18—Huntington Beach Relays	March 18—Culver City, Torrance
March 25—Redondo	March 22—Torrance-South Relays	March 19—Huntington Beach Relays
April 1—Inglewood	March 25—Aviation Relays	March 22—Torrance-South Relays
April 7-8— Inglewood Relays	April 1—Beverly Hills, Lennox	April 16— Beverly Hills, 3:00
April 22—Mira Costa	April 7-8— Inglewood Relays	April 1—Lawndale
April 29— Bay League Prelims.	April 22—El Segundo, Lawndale	April 7-8— Inglewood Relays
May 6—League Finals	April 29— Pioneer League Prelims.	April 16— Bellflower Invitational
May 14—CIF Prelims.	May 6—League Finals.	April 19—Leuzinger
		April 22— Lennox at Aviation

City's Top Track Marks

South Torrance's Doug Brown's 51.8 quarter-mile clocking ranks as second best in the local prep area and is one of the top times recorded among the city's track and field men.

Other top early season marks include Jim Perry's (South) 4:31.9 mile, Roger Smith's (South) and Gary Huffman's (Torrance) 6'1" high jump, and Mike Thornton's (Torrance) 2:01.1 half mile.

The city's 12 top track and field marks, listed by event, athlete, school, and time or distance:

- 100—Pat Lininger (N), 10.1
- 220—Ted Ross (S), 23.2
- 120HH—John Robinson (S), 15.3
- 180LH—Steve Vroman (S), 21.0
- 440—Doug Brown (S), 51.8
- 880—Mike Thornton (T), 2:01.2
- 1 Mile—Jim Perry (S), 4:31.9
- 880 Relay—South, 1:34.0
- 1.5 Mile—Jim Perry (S), 10:10.0
- 1.5 Mile—Roger Smith (S), 11:18.0
- SP—Carey VanDeWetering (T), 43'6 1/2"
- HJ—Smith (S), and Huffman (T), 6'1"

Marts Fires 75 As EC Tee Men Win Again, 23-13

El Camino College golfers boosted their season record to 4-2 Friday with a convincing repeat victory over Compton, and tomorrow take on chief Metropolitan Conference title contender Long Beach.

Friday, the Al Greenleaf coached Warriors took four of the six individual wins, for a 23-13 match-play triumph.

Larry Marts of El Camino and Compton's Keith Chamberlain turned in low scores of 75 on the par 72 Lakewood Country Club course.

The Warriors, 3-1 in non-conference meets, and 1-1 in conference play, are underdogs to unbeaten LBCC, which tied for third in the state a year ago.

Havana Lions Meet Cienfuegos Today on Winter Baseball

The Havana Lions with Warren Hacker of the Buffalo Bills pitching play the Cienfuegos Elephants with Carrillo pitching during KTTV's Winter TV Baseball, which is now scheduled for this afternoon from 4-5:30, Channel Eleven.

The Eleventh Frame

By DONNA BARKDULL

The Monday Night Men's Industrial Handicap League has rounded out its 17th encounter on Bowl-O-Drome's lanes, with the Inlaws & 1 Mo leading the pack with 42 wins to six in the last column. Clark's Clarence is in second, 2 1/2 down trailed by one game by the Zing Bros. Auto quintet. Cliff's Shell shares the third notch, followed by the American Plant Growers, John's Hair Shaping and Vel's Ford.

D. Burnham, going through his paces for the Zing Bros. Auto mob, connected for te top individual season series honor by producing a whopping 670&4?—712 three game set. G. Marchese soared to the individual game high with a towering 256&11—267 pitch.

INTERSTATE PAINT has latched on to a big 10 game lead in Bowl-O-Drome's Monday night Mixed after the 24th week of the winter session. L&N Laundermat rests in second, followed by Team No. 10. Charles Upholstery, Team No. 11 and the Antioque Tavern quintet. Leading the males for the season's series high is the Drome's bowling manager

Spartans Unbeaten In 3 Meets

Senior Steve Vroman scored a track triple Friday and South High rolled up its third consecutive dual track and field meet victory, at the expense of rival Torrance, 71-38 on the victor's oval.

South captured nine first places, not including one tie, to score a landslide triumph in the first dual meet between the cross-town schools.

Vroman, last year's Crescent League class B sprint champion, copped the 100 (10.8), low hurdles (21.0) and the broad jump (20'5") to star in the victory.

WEDNESDAY, the Spartans defeated Long Beach Wilson, 57-46.

Against Torrance, the South class B and C teams also retained undefeated records, 68-36, and 56-30.

Top varsity marks were turned in by Torrance's Mike Thornton, who breezed in in the 880, clocked at 2:01.2. South's John Van Calcar was second, in 2:06, and Spartap Jim Perry clocked off a 4:34.5 mile.

High jumpers Gary Huffman and Roger Smith, both three year vets at the event, finally tied at 6'1" after a dispute on the measurement of the horizontal bar.

THE CROSSBAR was marked at 6'3", and both cleared the distance easily. However, after it was moved up to 6'4", when both missed, the bar was measured and a sag in the middle revealed the bar was actually at 6'2".

"So we just let the mark go at 6-1." South Coach Dick Scully said.

THE TOP B times were turned in by freshman Phil Fish, who won the 180 and finished second in the 100. His sprint 10.6 time equalled the winning mark, and his 180 clocking was a speedy 20.2 in his first track meet.

Both schools are scheduled to meet and re-meet in the ensuing weeks of the season at South's cinder.

So, Torrance (71) Torrance (38)

100—Vroman (S), 10.8; 220—Ross (S), 23.2; 440—Brown (S), 51.8; 880—Thornton (T), 2:01.2; Mile—Perry (S), 4:34.5; HH—Robinson (S), 15.3; 1.5H—Vroman (S), 21.0; Relay—South Torrance, 1:34.0; HJ—Vroman (S), 20 ft. 5 in.; HJ—Tie between Huffman (T) and Smith (S), 6 ft. 1 in.; SP—Vanderwetering (T), 43 ft. 6 1/2 in.; PV—Smith (S), 11 ft. 8 in.; CLASS B—So. Torrance, 68; Torrance 36; CLASS C—So. Torrance, 56; Torrance, 30.

MANY OF THE nation's leading handlebar jockeys will then trek back to the West Coast to ready themselves for the opening of the campaign.

ADAMS, TURK COMPLETE 'DOUBLE'

Clyde Turk and Johnny Adams last summer equalled Bill Dennis' feat of having scored a Hollywood Park stakes win both as a jockey and a trainer.

Turk, who won the 1938 Roseben Handicap with Patty Case, saddled Linita for her Cinderella Stakes triumph. Adams, whose eight Hollywood stakes wins include a Hollywood Gold Cup victory aboard Shannon II, saddled British Roman for his Westchester Stakes score.

THE SAM MARTIN quintet holds a four game lead in Monday night's Men's Commercial heading into the last lap of its winter meet. Mearing & Hanson ride in second, trailed by the Torrance Police, Skaggs Plastering, Rockets and C&R, and Anderson. Bay Tire Service is trailing in the cellar, but T. Ziemer boasts the top individual season series with his blistering 610&99—709 set, while N. Whitmark, The Lords representative, uncorked the season's high game make, a sizzling 274&22—296.

Bowl-O-Drome's Mister Big, Max Schriber, produced his first 600 rolling under the banner of A & W Root Beer in Tuesday night's Men's Star loop, 205-203-207 for a rousing 615 effort.



MIKE THORNTON Runs 2:01.2 880

USAC National Championship Race Announced

J. C. Agajanian today announced a 100-lap United States Auto Club National Championship midget auto race for Sunday afternoon, March 27, at Ascot Stadium.

The race is expected to bring together many of the nation's foremost chauffeurs. It will be a tuneup for the upcoming Indianapolis "500".

AGAJANIAN also reported the 1960 season of American Motorcycle association-sanctioned motorcycle races will begin at Ascot on Friday evening, April 1.

"Aggie" currently is in Daytona Beach, Florida, promoting the "Indianapolis of Cycle Racing," the 200-mile National Championships. The race will be March 13 on the Florida beach.